

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The former Rapid City Air Base, now the Ellsworth Air Force Base, has been in existence since 1942; and,

WHEREAS, During World War II, Ellsworth was a major air base and a B-17 training base; and,

WHEREAS, After World War II, Ellsworth was one of the first operational bases for strategic air command; and,

WHEREAS, The 28th Bomb Wing returned to South Dakota from Alaska in May of 1947, and now is the home of the new B-1 Bomber; and,

WHEREAS, Ellsworth is a dual wing base; the 28th Bombardment Wing is the aircraft unit, and the 44th Strategic Missile Wing is the missile unit; and,

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General James E. Light, Jr., past commander of the 28th Bombardment Wing, is now Commander of the 15th Air Force; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel John McLaughlin is the present Commander of the 44th Strategic Missile Wing, and Colonel Harold B. Adams is the present Commander of the 28th Bombardment Wing; and,

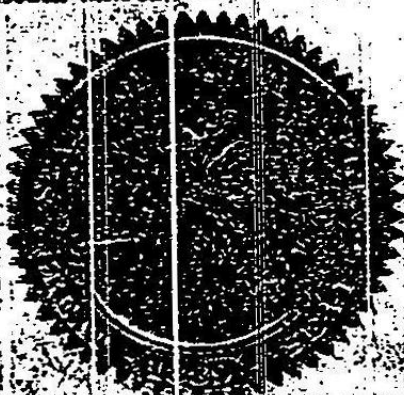
WHEREAS, On October 22nd, Ice Flying Service will be hosting a Business After Hours in Pierre, at which several Ellsworth Air Force Base personnel will attend including the above mentioned officers; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize Ellsworth Air Force Base and its many contributions to the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 22, 1987, as

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

JOHN HAZLITINE, SECRETARY OF STATE